

## TO MINE MICA.

## Kansas City Men Take Hold of a New Mexico Project.

Kansas City men have formed a company to work a mica mine in New Mexico. John P. Conner, a real estate dealer of Kansas City, went to Tres Piedras, N. M., in January last on a gold prospecting tour, and, while rambling among the hills near Tres Piedras, stumbled upon a huge vein of mica. The place bore evidence of having been worked at one time and some dilapidated log cabins which the operators had inhabited stood near. Inquiry developed the fact that the Mexicans had worked the mines many years before the Santa Fe railway was built, conveying the mine products to St. Joseph by means of wagons. The existence of the deposit was known to many, but it was not thought of sufficient value to engage in mining it.

Upon his return to Kansas City, however, Mr. Conner reported his discovery to several business men, and proceeded to organize a company to furnish funds for making a thorough investigation of the resources of the mine. About a month ago Dr. Claude C. Hamilton of the University medical college was sent by the company to investigate. He found within a radius of half a mile three immense deposits of mineral. He returned with photographic views and reports, and the American Mica Co. was immediately organized with the intention of working the mines.

Tres Piedras, which signifies three rocks, is about 100 miles north of Santa Fe and that locality is famed for abounding in mica deposits. The resources of the mines which this company proposes working are said to be inexhaustible and the directors claim that they have a ready market for the entire output of the mines. The most valuable portion of the mineral is called black mica, and is used for insulating electric light wires, being a perfect insulator. It is noncombustible. As a roofing material it is said to be unequalled. One of the mines at Tres Piedras will yield 15 per cent. black mica, which commands a high price. It is quoted in a price list of a New York firm as being worth, in blocks of 2x8 inches \$5 a pound, in blocks of 3x6 inches, \$8, and 8x10, \$13, which figures are too large to admit the extensive use of the mineral. Scrap mica, or the pieces not in thick blocks, sells for \$12 a ton on board the cars at the mines.

This grade is used for roofing, and is becoming to be recognized as a good lubricator for machinery. For this purpose the mica is pulverized and when applied to surfaces where there is friction glazes them completely. The directors of the company are confident that they will find a ready market for the products of the three mines they propose

working. Of the members of the company, Shelly Grover is an attorney living at Kansas City, Kan., whose office is in the Sheidley building; August Isenberg is confidential bookkeeper of Glasner & Barzen, wholesale liquor dealers, and Daniel Glasner is a brother of Mr. Glasner of Glasner & Barzen.

## A Paralyzing Surprise.

Not since 1892 has there been such an upheaval in political sentiment as was expressed last Tuesday. The whole country seems to have been dissatisfied with things as they have existed the past twenty-four months. And whose fault is it? Will the republican party dare to claim that its success at the polls on the 6th inst. is due to the popularity of republican principles, or that members of that party are more capable, honest and trustworthy, and therefore the people have decided to return the republican party to power? So far as the principles of the party are concerned, it has not enunciated a policy for thirty years that has been carried out and it never made a promise to the people that was redeemed. Now then, so far as the people having more confidence in the republicans than they have in the democrats, it is all nonsense. The recent verdict of the people is not so much the want of confidence in the party that has control of the national administration; but it is a voice coming from millions of throats—coming from the north, east, south, west and center, in accent loud, and means nothing more than a protest from them that deception, intrigue and trifling with their interests must cease. It is notice to the corruption practiced by machine politics in New York that there shall be no more of it, and the party that will practice it will receive as thorough a whipping as was given Tam-

many hall in New York. The great majorities against the democracy in almost every state that held an election may also be considered as a rebuke to the democratic senate of the United States, because of its long delay in taking action upon the tariff bill, thus leaving the country in suspense and uncertainty as to what the democratic party would or would not do after making a solemn pledge to the people that a tariff bill would be enacted. The loss of the democratic house may also be considered as a rebuke to the present executive of the nation, who by his selfishness, infamy and ingratitude would do nothing to secure harmony in the democratic ranks of New York. A more glaring exhibition of ingratitude has never been known in the annals of America than was given Mr. Hill by President Cleveland. Shame on such democracy and perfidy! Cleveland had better never been elected president of the United States than to have been the cause of disrupting party organization and party success. Mr. Cleveland's axiom, that "party expediency is party honesty" was very badly carried out in his treatment of Senator Hill.—Albuquerque Democrat.

## A Tender Correspondence.

May to Tom: Dear Tom—Come tomorrow evening sure. Papa is at home, but is laid up with a very sore foot. See? MAY.

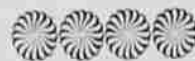
Tom to May: Dear May—I can't come tomorrow evening. I am laid up on account of your father's very sore foot. See? TOM.

—Truth.

Cholly: What did she mean by saying I couldn't be any bigger donkey than I was?

She: I suppose she meant that you had your growth.—Life.

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